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TO THE

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
OF TOWCESTER.

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TOWCESTER,

May, 1938.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
TOWCESTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, My Lord, Mrs. Clinch, & Gentlemen.

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1937.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area, 59,005 acres. Population, 12,900, (Registrar-General's estimate for 1937.)

Number of inhabited houses, 4,385.

The rateable value is £49,195 and the sum represented by a penny rate is £198.

The Social conditions and occupations of the inhabitants remain unaltered.

Birth Rate, Death Rate, and Analysis of Mortality During the Year, 1937.

	Rate per 1000 Population.		Annual Death Rate per 1000 Population.									Rate per 1000 Live Births.	
	Live Births	Still Births	All Causes.	Typhoid and Para-typhoid Fever.	Small Pox.	Measles.	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough.	Diphtheria.	Influenza.	Violence.	Total Deaths under 1 Year	Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 Years.
England and Wales ...	14.9	0.60	12.4	0.00	—	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.07	0.45	0.54	58	5.8
125 County Boro's & Great Towns including London ...	14.9	0.67	12.5	0.01	—	0.03	0.01	0.04	0.08	0.39	0.45	62	7.9
148 Smaller Towns (Resident Population 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census) ...	15.3	0.64	11.9	0.00	—	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.05	0.42	0.42	55	3.2
London Administrative County ...	13.3	0.05	12.3	0.00	—	0.01	0.01	0.06	0.05	0.38	0.51	60	12.0
Towcester Rural District ...	13.2	0.31.	15.3 ⁺	—	—	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.47	0.54	53	5.9

Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year.

Live Births :—

		Total	Male	Female.
Legitimate	166	79	87
Illegitimate	4	2	2
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		170	81	89
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Birth-rate per 1,000 of the estimated population 13·2.

		Total	Male	Female
Still-Births	4	1	3
Rate per 1,000 (live and still births)			..	23

		Total	Male	Female
Deaths	... ..	197	104	93

Death-rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 15·3

Deaths from puerperal causes

Puerperal Sepsis	... ..	nil
Other puerperal causes	... ..	nil

Death-rate of Infants under 1 year of age :

All infants per 1,000 live births	...	52·9
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births		48·2
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births		250·0
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	... ..	27
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	... ..	nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	... ..	nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	...	1

The death-rate exceeds the birth-rate by 2·1 per 1,000 of the population

As compared with 1936 the birth-rate is lower by 2·9 and the death-rate is higher by 2·7 per 1,000 population.

† The crude death-rate per 1,000 population for the year 1937 was 15·3, which, multiplied by the comparability factor 0·77 supplied by the Registrar-General, gave a corrected death-rate of 11·9 as compared with 12·4 for England and Wales. This death-rate of 11·9 is the rate which, it is assumed, would be arrived at if the age and sex constitution of the Towcester Rural District were distributed in the same proportion as that of England and Wales as a whole.

The Registered Causes of Death were as follows :—

			Male	Female	Total
	All Causes	... ..	104	93	197
1	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers		—	—	—
2	Measles	... ..	—	—	—
3	Scarlet Fever	... ..	—	—	—
4	Whooping Cough	... ..	—	—	—
5	Diphtheria	... ..	1	—	1
6	Influenza	... ..	5	1	6
7	Encephalitis Lethargica	... ..	—	—	—
8	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	... ..	—	—	—
9	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System		1	—	1
10	Other Tuberculous Diseases	... ..	1	1	2
11	Syphilis	... ..	—	—	—
12	General Paralysis of the Insane		—	—	—
13	Cancer	... ..	17	10	27
14	Diabetes	... ..	3	1	4
15	Cerebral Hæmorrhage etc.	... ..	3	5	8
16	Heart Disease	... ..	18	23	41
17	Aneurysm	... ..	1	—	1
18	Other Circulatory Diseases	... ..	2	5	7
19	Bronchitis	... ..	5	6	11
20	Pneumonia (all forms)	... ..	5	4	9
21	Other Respiratory Diseases	... ..	4	—	4
22	Peptic Ulcer	... ..	3	—	3
23	Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	... ..	—	1	1
24	Appendicitis	... ..	—	2	2
25	Cirrhosis of Liver	... ..	—	—	—
26	Other Diseases of Liver	... ..	—	1	1
27	Other Digestive Diseases	... ..	4	1	5
28	Acute and Chronic Nephritis	... ..	7	5	12
29	Puerperal Sepsis	... ..	—	—	—
30	Other Puerperal Diseases	... ..	—	—	—
31	Congenital Debility, premature birth, etc.	... ..	4	1	5
32	Senility	... ..	9	15	24
33	Suicide	... ..	1	1	2
34	Other Violence	... ..	5	—	5
35	Other Defined Diseases	... ..	4	10	14
36	Causes Ill-defined or Un-known		1	—	1

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

The Public Health Officers of the Authority are :—

Medical Officer of Health (who is also Senior Assistant
County Medical Officer of Health) :—

JOHN A. ROUGHEAD, M.D., D.P.H., (from 1st February, 1938.)

Chief Sanitary Inspector :—

TOM HARRIS, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.,
(who holds the Royal Sanitary Institute's Certificate
for Meat and Foods.)

Assistant Sanitary Inspector :—

D. J. POWELL, Cert. S.I.B., A.R.S.I., B.Sc.,

No developments or changes in the Services provided in the
Area have taken place during the year.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

WATER.

There was no extension of public water supplies in the
area during the year.*

It is hoped that the scheme, which was approved by the
Minister of Health and is now in progress at Paulerspury, will be
completed by June 1938. The scheme includes the erection of a
concrete water tower, provision of pumping plant and the laying of
mains throughout the village.

Samples of water were submitted for Chemical and Bact-
eriological Examinations, the results were as follows :—

Towcester	...	...	Chemical (4 samples)	}	Mod. Good
			Bacteriological (4 samples)		Safe
Silverstone	New well at Housing Site		Chemical	}	Safe
			Bacteriological		Un-safe
„	New well at Housing Site (after cleaning)		Chemical	}	Safe
			Bacteriological		
„	Whittlebury Road	...	Chemical	}	Reas. Safe
			Bacteriological		Un-safe
„	Cattle End	...	Chemical	}	Reas. Safe
			Bacteriological		Un-safe
„	Chapel Hill	...	Chemical	}	Doubtful
			Bacteriological		„
„	Little London	...	Chemical	}	Un-safe
			Bacteriological		
„	Blackwell	...	Bacteriological		Un-safe
„	Puddledock	...	Bacteriological		Un-safe
„	Chapel Hill	...	Bacteriological		Doubtful
„	Little London	...	Bacteriological		Doubtful
„	Cattle End	...	Bacteriological		Doubtful
„	Spring at Whittlebury Road		Bacteriological		Doubtful
Paulerspury	Plumpton End	...	Bacteriological		Doubtful
„	Barrack Yard	...	Bacteriological		Doubtful
„	Pury End	...	Bacteriological		Doubtful
Pattishall	Private Supply	...	Bacteriological		Safe

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE ETC.

There have been no extensions to the sewerage system during the year.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

The following improvements have been effected :—

12 Pail Closets to Water Carriage System.

2 Privies to Water Carriage System.

5 Privies to Pails.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

A monthly collection of house refuse is now being made at Shutlanger.

A scheme for a regular collection of house refuse in Parishes not served at present has been prepared and it is hoped will be in operation by April, 1938.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

A summary of the Sanitary Inspector's Report is appended.

SHOPS.

No action was taken during the year under the provision of the Shops Act, 1934.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

Those mentioned in the last Annual Report were used throughout the year.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

Two Council Houses were disinfected by spraying with insecticide.

SCHOOLS.

The introduction of the individual towel scheme in the Schools is being welcomed by teachers and the mothers willingly co-operate by washing the towels. The beneficial effect on the children of such an object lesson in practical hygiene cannot be too highly assessed.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

During the year 94 samples of milk were taken and sent to the County Laboratory for analysis as to cleanliness, the reports received were :—

Good, 61

Moderate, 15

Bad, 18

These reports were conveyed to the producers, and advice given where necessary towards improvements in methods of clean milk production.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

The number of carcasses inspected and condemned are as follows :—

	Cattle ex. Cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number Inspected	54		12	192	1421
Carcasses of which some part of organ was condemned ...				5	9
Percentage of the number inspected, affected with disease other than Tuberculosis				2·6	0·63
Carcasses of which some part of organ was condemned (Tuberculosis)					4
Percentage of the number inspected, affected with Tuberculosis					0·28

Housing.

FIVE YEAR PROGRAMME OF SLUM CLEARANCE.

On 31st December, 1936, the Council's Five Year Programme of Slum Clearance as communicated to the Minister of Health comprised 1,190 houses, of which 560 had been dealt with either by inclusion in clearance areas, or as individual unfit houses.

The Council decided that of the 630 houses remaining, 239 should be scheduled to be included in clearance areas, and that the remainder (391 houses) should be inspected by the Housing Committee with a view to taking action under sections 9 and 11 of the Housing Act, 1936. The Housing Committee has inspected 219 of these houses, and it is hoped that inspections will be completed by May, 1938.

It will be noted that, since over 90 per cent of all houses so far submitted have been confirmed for Clearance by the Minister of Health after full inquiry, the standards adopted are obviously very close to those taken by the Minister himself.

REHOUSING.

In 1935, 67 New Houses were built. None were erected in 1936. In 1937, 64 houses were completed at Blisworth, (4), Cold Higham, (4), Gayton, (25), Grafton Regis, (4), Pattishall, (9), Paulerspury, (4), Potterspury, (4), Silverstone, (8) and Woodend, (2).

A further 291 houses are in course of erection at Pattishall, (16), Passenham, (69), Towcester, (48), Blisworth, (29), Potterspury, (2), Cold Higham, (4), Silverstone, (76), and Greens Norton, (47).

Sites are in course of selection and negotiations for a further 177 houses. An attempt is being made to utilize the sites of Clearance Areas for the erection of rehousing accommodation in an endeavour to keep villages as compact as possible.

HOUSING ACT, 1936 (Housing Acts, 1925-1935,) SLUM CLEARANCE. Position at 31st December, 1937

PART I. CLEARANCE AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDERS.

1. Name of Area	2. Date of Declaration of Clearance Order.	3. No. of Houses in Area.	4. Date of Confirming Order.	5. No. of Houses Confirmed for Demolition.	6. No. of Houses Excluded.	7. Reason for Exclusion or Non-Confirmation of the Order.	8. No. of Persons to be Displaced.	9. No. of Persons Displaced and/or Rehoused.	10. Position in regard to Provision of Re-Housing Accommodation.
Lower High Street Towcester	19 Jan. 1932	14	25 Feb. 1933	14	—	—	65	65	Re-Housed
Cattle End, Silverstone	29 Aug. 1933	2	28 June 1934	2	—	—	5	5	do.
Gravel Walk, Silverstone	do.	7	do.	7	—	—	24	24	do.
Woodward's Yard, Towcester	do.	3	22 Dec. 1934	2	1	Excluded on technical grounds	3	3	do.
Brackley Road No. 1, Towcester	21 Nov. 1933	2	4 April 1934	2	—	—	4	4	do.
Brackley Road No. 2, Towcester	do.	3	do.	3	—	—	18	18	do.
Brown's Yard, Towcester	29 Aug. 1933	9	do.	9	—	—	48	48	do.
The Moat, Towcester	do.	3	—	Nil.	3	Order not confirmed in view of owner's undertaking not to use for human habitation	3	3	do.
Blackwell, Towcester	do.	7	Purchased by Agreement do.	7	—	—	17	17	do.
Scriveners Cottages, Towcester	do.	5	—	5	—	—	18	18	do.

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CLEARANCE AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDERS—continued.

PART I.

PART I. CLEARANCE AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDERS																		
Name of Area	I.	Date of Declaration of Clearance Order.	No. of Houses in Area.	Date of Confirming Order.	No. of Houses Confirmed for Demolition.	No. of Houses Excluded.	Reason for Exclusion or Non-Confirmation of the Order.	No. of Persons to be Displaced.	No. of Persons Displaced and/or Rehoused.	Position in regard to Provision of Re-Housing Accommodation.								
		2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.								
Greens Norton	No. 9	do.	8	28 May 1936	8	—	—	26	—	48 houses in course of erection. Negotiations for acquisition of site for remainder pending.								
Towcester	No. 1	do.	2	6 May 1936	2	—	—	6	—									
do.	No. 2	do.	3	do.	2	1	Excluded in view of owner's undertaking not to use for human habitation.	18	—									
do.	No. 3	do.	9	do.	9	—	—	17	—									
do.	No. 4	do.	4	do.	4	—	—	9	—									
do.	No. 5	do.	2	—	—	2	Order not confirmed in view of owner's undertaking not to use for human habitation.	6	—									
do.	No. 6	do.	3	6 May 1936	3	—	—	4	—									
do.	No. 7	do.	2	—	—	2	Order not confirmed on technical grounds	—	—									
do.	No. 8	do.	4	—	—	4	Order not confirmed in view of owner's undertaking not to use for human habitation.	10	—									
do.	No. 9	do.	9	6 May 1936	9	—	—	31	—									
do.	No. 10	do.	6	do.	6	—	—	32	—									
do.	No. 11	do.	5	do.	5	—	—	21	—									
do.	No. 12	do.	3	28 May 1936	3	—	—	5	—									
do.	No. 13	do.	2	6 May 1936	2	—	—	5	—									
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Cosgrove No. 1	10 March 1936	4	6 Jan. 1937	4	—	—	7	—	Site not selected.
do. No. 2	do.	2	do.	2	—	—	9	—	
Passenhall No. 1	do.	8	do.	7	1	Excluded in view of owner's undertaking for human habitation.	21	—	
do. No. 2	do.	2	do.	2	—	Excluded in view of owner's undertaking not to use for human habitation.	6	—	Houses in course of erection.
do. No. 3	do.	3	do.	3	2		9	—	
do. No. 4	do.	4	do.	2			8	—	
do. No. 5	do.	10	do.	10	—		31	—	
do. No. 6	do.	3	do.	3	—		6	—	
do. No. 7	do.	3	do.	3	—		6	—	
do. No. 8	do.	5	do.	5	—		14	—	Houses in course of erection.
do. No. 9	do.	4	do.	4	—		8	—	
do. No. 10	do.	7	do.	7	—		26	—	
do. No. 11	do.	2	do.	2	—		6	—	
do. No. 12	do.	10	do.	10	—		25	—	Site not yet selected.
do. No. 13	do.	4	do.	4	—		12	—	Houses in course of erection.
do. No. 14	do.	3	do.	3	—		6	—	
Potterspury No. 1	do.	2	—	—	2	Order not confirmed in view of owner's undertaking to render fit.	7	—	
do. No. 2	do.	2	6 Jan. 1937	2	—		8	8	Re-Housed.
Silverstone No. 1	do.	2	do.	2	—	Excluded in view of owner's undertaking not to use for human habitation.	7	—	
do. No. 2	do.	2	do.	2	—		7	—	
do. No. 3	do.	6	do.	5	1		16	—	

PART I. CLEARANCE AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDERS—continued.

Name of Area	Date of Declaration of Clearance Order.	No. of Houses in Area.	Date of Confirming Order.	No. of Houses Confirmed for Demolition.	No. of Houses Excluded.	Reason for Exclusion or Non-Confirmation of the Order.	No. of Persons to be Displaced.	No. of Persons Displaced and/or Rehoused.	Position in regard to Provision of Re-Housing Accommodation.
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
Silverstone No. 4	do.	12	do.	3	9	Excluded in view of owner's undertaking not to use for human habitation.	26	—	76 houses in course of erection. Sites for remainder shortly to be selected.
do. No. 5	do.	2	do.	2	—	—	6	—	
do. No. 6	do.	13	do.	9	4	Excluded in view of owner's undertaking to render fit.	29	—	
do. No. 7	do.	2	do.	2	—	—	13	—	
do. No. 8	do.	3	do.	3	—	—	5	—	
do. No. 9	do.	15	do.	15	—	—	52	—	
do. No. 10	do.	2	—	—	2	Order not confirmed in view of owner's undertaking to render one house fit for human habitation and not to re-let the other.	1	—	
do. No. 11	do.	6	6 Jan. 1937	6	—	—	11	—	
do. No. 12	do.	2	do.	2	—	—	4	—	
do. No. 13	do.	4	do.	4	—	—	20	—	
do. No. 14	do.	11	do.	10	1	Excluded in view of owner's undertaking to render fit.	31	—	
do. No. 15	do.	10	do.	10	—	—	22	—	
do. No. 16	do.	5	do.	5	—	—	16	—	
do. No. 17	do.	3	do.	3	—	—	11	—	
do. No. 18	do.	4	do.	—	4	Order not confirmed in view of owner's undertaking to render fit.	—	—	

Yardley Gobion No. 1	do.	31	—	31	—	Awaiting Minister's decision as to confirmation of Order.	102	—	} Sites in course of selection.
Potterspury No. 3	20 Oct. 1936	2	7 Sept. 1937	2	—	—	3	—	
do. No. 4	do.	5	do.	5	—	—	10	—	
do. No. 5	do.	9	do.	9	—	—	33	—	
do. No. 6	do.	3	—	—	3	Excluded in view of owner's under- taking not to use for human habitation.	9	—	
do. No. 7	do.	9	do.	9	—	—	23	—	
do. No. 8	do.	2	do.	2	—	—	8	—	
do. No. 9	do.	2	do.	1	1	Excluded in view of owner's under- taking not to use for human habitation.	10	—	
do. No. 10	do.	8	do.	8	—	—	29	—	
do. No. 11	do.	2	—	—	2	Excluded in view of owner's under- taking not to use for human habitation.	6	—	
do. No. 12	do.	4	7 Sept. 1937	4	—	—	6	—	
do. No. 13	do.	11	do.	11	—	—	43	—	
do. No. 14	do.	2	do.	2	—	—	8	—	
do. No. 15	do.	3	do.	3	—	—	9	—	
do. No. 16	do.	2	—	—	2	Order not confirmed in view of owner's under- taking to render fit.	—	—	
do. No. 17	do.	7	7 Sept. 1937	6	1	Owner/Occupier	22	—	
do. No. 18	do.	5	do.	5	—	—	13	—	
do. No. 19	do.	3	do.	3	—	—	11	—	
Cosgrove No. 3	4 May 1937	2	Result not known	—	—	—	—	—	

PART I. CLEARANCE AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDERS—continued

Name of Area	Date of Declaration of Clearance Order.	No. of Houses in Area.	Date of Confirming Order.	No. of Houses Confirmed for Demolition.	No. of Houses Excluded.	Reason for Exclusion or Non-Confirmation of the Order.	No. of Persons to be Displaced.	No. of Persons Displaced and/or Rehoused,	Position in regard to Provision of Re-Housing Accommodation.
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
Cosgrove No. 4 do. No. 5 do. No. 6 do. No. 7	4 May 1937 do. do. do.	7 3 11 5	Result not known do. do. do.	— — — —	— — — —	— — — —	— — — —	— — — —	Site not yet selected.
Whittlebury No. 1 do. No. 2 do. No. 3 do. No. 4	do. do. do. do.	4 2 2 3	do. do. do. do.	— — — —	— — — —	— — — —	— — — —	— — — —	Sites selected not yet acquired.
Shutlanger No. 1 do. No. 2	21 Sept. 1937 do.	2 8	Result not known do.	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	Site selected not yet acquired.
Stoke Bruerne No. 1 do. No. 2 do. No. 3 do. No. 4	do. do. do. do.	8 4 5 3	do. do. do. do.	— — — —	— — — —	— — — —	— — — —	— — — —	Sites in course of selection.
TOTALS ...		586		433	53		1637	349	

PART II. INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES.
A. Demolition Orders.

Parish.	No. of Houses.	Date of Demolition Order.	No. of Persons to be Displaced.	RE-HOUSING	
				No. of Persons Displaced and/or Re-Housed	Position in cases where Re-Housing Accommodation not yet Completed.
Potterspury	8	3 May, 1934	26	26	—
Cosgrove	6	do.	15	15	—
Passenham	11	do.	37	37	—
Greens Norton	1	5 October, 1937	1	1	—
Woodend	1	16 August, 1937	6	6	—
Potterspury	7	7 March, 1935	13	13	—
Paulerspury	6	do.	12	12	—
Grafton Regis	4	do.	4	4	—
Blisworth	2	8 June, 1937	5	—	In course of erection.
Cosgrove	1	2 December, 1937	4	—	Site in course of selection.
Passenham	3	5 October, 1937	6	—	In course of erection.
—	50	—	129	114	—

B. Undertakings not to use for Human Habitation (excluding Houses in this category comprised in Part I.)

Towcester	2	7 December, 1936	9	—	In course of erection.
do.	2	28 January, 1937	7	—	do.
Passenham	1	25 October, 1937	2	—	do.
—	5	—	18	—	—

PART III. HOUSES WHICH HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE RE-CONDITIONED UNDER THE HOUSING (RURAL WORKERS) ACTS.

Parish.	No. of Houses	Action for which Houses were Scheduled under 5 Year Programme of Slum Clearance.
Yardley Gobion	2	Clearance Area.
Potterspury	3	(Reconditioned without Grant—Individual Unfit Houses).
Towcester	5	do.
Blisworth	9	Clearance Area.
Abthorpe	4	do.
Blakesley	3	No application for Grant has yet been made.
Stoke Bruerne	1	Not included in Programme.
Pattishall	1	do.
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SUMMARY.

Orders made.	No. of Houses.	No. of Houses Confirmed for Demolition.	No. of Houses excluded.	No. of Persons to be Displaced.	No. of Persons Displaced and/or Re-Housed
Clearance and Compulsory Purchase Orders and Purchases by Agreement	586	433	53	1637	347
Demolition Orders. Part II. (A)	48	48	—	129	114
Undertakings not to Re-Let (B)	5	—	—	18	—
	639	481	53	1784	461

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR :—			
(1)	(a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	631	
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	1440	
(2)	(a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	580	
	(b) No. of inspections made for the purpose	...	1291
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	580
(4)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	164
2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES :—			
	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	...	52
3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR :—			
(a)	Proceedings under sections 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :		
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	2
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—		
(a)	By owners	...	2
(b)	By local authority in default of owners	...	nil
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts :		
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	9
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—		
(a)	By owners	...	9
(b)	By local authority in default of owners	...	nil
(c)	Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :		
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	7
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	9
(d)	Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act 1936 :		
(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	nil

- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit nil

4. HOUSING ACT, 1936, Part iv.—OVERCROWDING :—

- (a) (i) Number of dwelling-houses overcrowded at the end of the year ... 85
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein ... 85
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein ... 496
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... nil
(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ... 8
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases ... 58
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ... nil
(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report ... nil

Infectious Diseases.

The total number of cases of infectious diseases, including Tuberculosis, notified during the year was 45. This figure compares with 42 for 1936, 68 for 1935, 79 for 1934, 40 for 1933, and 53 for 1932.

An Analysis of the notified cases appears in the following tables :—

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1937.

	At all ages	Under 1 yr.	1—2 yrs.	2—3 yrs.	3—4 yrs.	4—5 yrs.	5—10 yrs.	10—15 yrs.	15—20 yrs.	20—35 yrs.	35—45 yrs.	45—65 yrs.	65 and over	Cases admi'd to Hosp'l	Total De'ths
Scarlet Fever ...	24			1	1	2	15	2	1	2				3	
Diphtheria ...	2						1	1						1	1
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	5									4	1			3	
Pneumonia ...	11	1	2	1			1			4	1	1			1
Erysipelas ...	2										1	1			
Oph. Neonatorum ...	1	1													
	45	2	2	2	1	2	17	3	1	10	3	2		7	2

Comparison of Notification Rate with that for England & Wales.

		Rate per 1,000 Population.	
		England & Wal's	Towcester R. D.
Smallpox	...	0·00	0·00
Scarlet Fever	...	2·33	1·86
Diphtheria	...	1·49	0·16
Enteric Fever	...	0·05	0·00
Erysipelas	...	0·37	0·16
Pneumonia	...	1·36	0·85

Number of Cases of Infectious Diseases Notified from Different Parishes in the District, 1937.

		Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria.	Pneumonia.	Erysipelas.	Puerperal Pyrexia	Ophthalmia Neonatorum
Abthorpe	...	1	—	—	—	—	—
Cosgrove	...	—	—	1	—	—	—
Easton Neston	...	1	—	—	—	—	—
Gayton	...	2	—	—	—	—	1
Grafton Regis	...	—	—	1	—	—	—
Greens Norton	...	1	—	—	—	—	—
Passenham	...	—	—	—	—	1	—
Pattishall	...	—	—	2	—	—	—
Paulerspury	...	2	—	—	—	—	—
Potterspury	..	7	1	—	1	—	—
Shutlanger	...	—	—	2	—	1	—
Silverstone	...	—	—	1	—	1	—
Tiffield	...	—	—	—	—	1	—
Towcester	..	5	1	2	1	—	—
Weston and Weedon	...	4	—	1	—	—	—
Yardley Gobion	..	1	—	1	—	1	—
Total		24	2	11	2	5	1

SMALLPOX—No case of this disease occurred in the Rural District during the Year, 1937.

SCARLET FEVER—Twenty-four cases of Scarlet Fever were notified, showing an increase of 12 on the number for the preceding year ; 3 were removed to hospital, 17 or 70·4 per cent were children of school age. There were no deaths.

DIPHtheria—Of the two cases notified, one died in hospital seven days after admission.

PUERPERAL PYREXIA—Five cases were notified, three of which were treated in hospital. There were no deaths.

ERYSIPELAS—The two notified cases recovered.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM—One case was notified. Vision was unimpaired.

Tuberculosis.

The following figures show the number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register at the end of 1936 :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	13	10	23
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	12	3	15

Five cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and 7 cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during 1937 as compared with 6 cases and 1 case respectively in 1936.

According to the Registrar-General's returns, 1 death resulted from pulmonary tuberculosis and 2 deaths from non-pulmonary tuberculosis.

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality during 1937.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmo'y		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmo'y	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0								
1								
5			4					1
15	1	2	2	1			1	
25								
35								
45								
55	1							
65 & upwards	1				1			
Totals ...	3	2	6	1	1		1	1

I cannot conclude this Report without recording deep appreciation of the services rendered by my predecessor, Dr. Henry Roger, now Medical Officer of Health of West Suffolk. Outstanding among his many Public Health activities was the work so ably undertaken in the application of the Housing Acts.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN A. ROUGHEAD.

Summary of Sanitary Inspector's Report for year ending December 31st, 1937.

No. of Visits and Inspections	...	...	4301
„ Canal Boats Inspected	..	...	18
„ Workshops on Register	...	...	39
„ Cowsheds on Register	...	...	257
„ Petrol Stores on Register	...	...	53
„ Quantity of Spirit stored	...	galls—	42260
„ Carbide Licences on Register	...	...	4
„ Quantity stored	...	... cwts.—	25
„ Slaughter Houses—Registered	...	...	23
„ „ „ —Licensed	...	...	2
„ Visits to Slaughter Houses	...	...	159
„ „ Bacon Company's Premises, Blisworth	...	...	63
„ „ Butchers' Shops	...	...	61
„ Carcases inspected in Slaughter Houses and Butchers' Shops	...	...	1679
Unsound Meat surrendered—1ton 2cwts 2½lbs			
2 tins Corned Beef			
No. of Hawkers' Vans inspected, Meat 19. Fish 9, Fruit 11, Total 39			
„ Samples of Water taken from Public Supplies	...	...	29
„ „ „ Private Supplies	...	...	1
„ Pail Closets converted to Water	...	...	12
„ Privies „ „	...	...	2
„ Privies „ Pails	...	...	5
„ Caravans inspected	...	...	3
„ Outfall Works cleaned out	...	...	5
„ Settling Tanks „ „	...	...	56
„ Water Courses „ „	...	...	73
„ Rooms disinfected	...	...	12
„ Articles „	..	...	331
„ Houses „	...	...	2
„ „ disinfested for Bed Bugs	...	...	2
„ Notices served under Public Health Act	...	...	3
„ „ „ Housing Act	...	...	2
„ Demolition Orders made	...	...	7
„ Houses demolished	...	...	9
„ New Houses erected by Private Enterprise	...	...	41
„ „ „ „ under Housing Acts	...	...	64
„ Houses reconditioned during year under R. W. A.	...	...	2

T. HARRIS,
Sanitary Inspector.

Towcester, 23rd May, 1938.

